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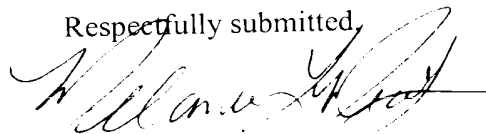
Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

The above-identified application is related to HIV/AIDS. In particular, the claims are directed to compositions that may be used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS and to methods for treating this infectious disease.

Pursuant to MPEP §708.02X, based on the fact that the application is related to HIV/AIDS, Applicants hereby petition that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office accord special status to this patent application. Attached hereto is our Check No. 133160 in the amount of \$130.00 in payment for this petition as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with the communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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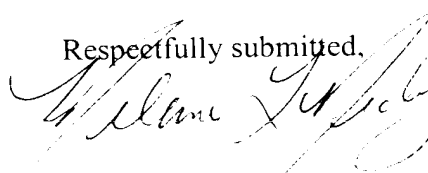
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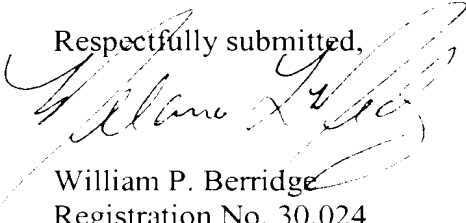
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